

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application.
Deletions are ~~strikethrough~~ and additions are underlined.

1 – 27 (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) A method of obtaining amygdalin comprising the steps of;
 - a). obtaining a seed from a fruit of the genus Prunus,
 - b). drying the seed,
 - c). mixing dried seed with an extraction solvent,
 - d). extracting the dried seed with an extraction method for a period of time,
 - e). filtering extraction solvent and obtaining a supernatant,
 - f). concentrating supernatant,
 - g). drying concentrated supernatant, and
 - h). obtaining a dried extract of the seed from the fruit of the genus Prunus.
29. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, further comprising the steps of;
 - i). mixing the dried extract of the seed from the fruit of the genus Prunus in water,
 - j). mixing water suspension of seed extract with a non-polar solvent,
 - k). allowing water and non-polar solvent to separate
 - l). removing non-polar solvent fraction
 - m). retaining water soluble fraction
 - n). processing water soluble fraction with HPLC to obtain amygdalin abundant fraction.
30. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 28, where the fruit of the genus Prunus is selected from the group consisting of Prunus Persicæ and Prunus Armeniæ Armeniaca.

31. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the seed is unhusked.
32. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, further comprising the step between step b) and step c) of processing the dried seed by a method selected from the group consisting of powdering, crushing, cutting in pieces smaller than half, and cutting in pieces approximately half of seed.
33. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the extraction solvent in step c) is selected from the group consisting of distilled water, lower alcohols, methanol, ethanol, butanol, and mixtures thereof.
34. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the ratio of dried seed to extraction solvent is 1:5 to 1:20.
35. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 34, where the ratio of dried seed to extraction solvent is 1:10 to 1:15.
36. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the extraction solvent is water.
37. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 36, where the water contains at least one acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, acetic acid, and ascorbic acid.
38. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 37, where the water contains 0.05% to 0.5% citric acid.
39. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 38, where the water contains about 0.1% citric acid.
40. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 36, where the water is at or above 100° C.

41. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the extraction solvent is methanol.
42. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 41, where the methanol is at or above 64° C
43. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the period of time in step c) is 30 minutes to 6 hours.
44. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the extraction method in step d) is selected from the group consisting of hot water, cold water, reflux, and ultra-sonication extraction.
45. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where step d) is repeated 1 to 5 times.
46. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 45, where step d) is repeated 2 to 3 times.
47. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the concentrating in step f) is with a rotary evaporator.
48. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 28, where the drying in step g) is by a method selected from the group consisting of vacuum freeze-drying, hot air-drying and spray drying.
49. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29, where the ratio of water suspension of seed extract to non-polar solvent in step j) is 1:1 to 1:100.
50. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 49, where the ratio of water suspension of seed extract to non-polar solvent in step j) is 1:1 to 1:5.
51. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29, where the non-polar solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethyl acetate, chloroform, and hexane.

52. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 29, where steps j) to m) are repeated 1 to 10 times.

53. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 52, where steps j) to m) are repeated 2 to 5 times.